

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response the Office Action dated March 23, 2006.
Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-10, 12-14, 16-19, and 21 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1 and 21 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Allowable subject matter

Appreciation is expressed for the indication within paragraph 5 that claims 4-5, 10, 12-14, and 16-18 contain allowable subject matter.

Entry of amendment

This amendment *prima facie* places the case in condition for allowance.
Alternatively, it places this case in better condition for appeal.

Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action indicates a rejection of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

While not conceding the propriety of this rejection and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claim 20 has been canceled.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action indicates a rejection of claims 1, 3, 7, 9, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0061735 to Wingett et al. (Wingett).

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

No rejection of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102 is found within the Office Action.

Moreover, the features of claim 20 have been wholly incorporated into claims 1 and 21. As a result, claims 1 and 21 are deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion



For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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